

Claims

We claim:

- 1) An apparatus for holding a portable electronic device, comprising:
 - a) A base member formed of thin, flat, rigid material, and having:
 - i) In a lower portion a first, substantially unbroken, flat surface, against which the inner lower surface of the device can be mounted;
 - ii) In any upper bifurcated portion a central slot with a relatively wide open upper end and a relatively narrow closed lower end adjoining said lower portion, and on the sides of said slot open upper end a pair of upwardly-extending, laterally-spaced, second and third mounting surfaces, against which spaced-apart inner upper surfaces of the device can be mounted;
 - iii) A first pair of holes formed in the outer ends of said second and third mounting surfaces;
 - iv) A second hole formed in a lower end of said lower portion;
 - v) A plurality of inwardly-extending notches formed in the outer edge surfaces of said lower and upper portions;
 - b) A cord having:
 - i) Each of two end portions threaded through said first pair of holes;
 - ii) A middle portion formed as a loop and threaded through said second hole;and
 - iii) On each end of said cord a resilient wedge member; and
 - c) Wherein said device, when equipped with a mounting clip or button, is adapted to be detachably secured to said base member by being mounted on said closed lower end of said slot, and if not so equipped is adapted to be strapped to said base member by use of said cord and by use of said wedge members is adapted to be suspended from a structure formed so as to receive, squeeze, and detachably hold said wedge members and thereby suspend said base member.
- 2) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said cord is at least somewhat elastic.
 - 3) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said wedge members is at least somewhat resilient.

- 4) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising means for securing a portable electronic device to said base.
 - 5) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said base member comprises plastic.
 - 6) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said wedge member comprises foam.
 - 7) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said base member comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastic, wood and metal.
 - 8) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said wedge member comprises a material selected from the group consisting of foam and rubber.
 - 9) An apparatus for holding a portable electronic device, comprising:
 - a) A base member formed of thin, flat, rigid material, and having:
 - i) In a lower portion a first, substantially unbroken, flat surface, against which the inner lower surface of the device can be mounted;
 - ii) In any upper bifurcated portion a central slot with a relatively wide open upper end and a relatively narrow closed lower end adjoining said lower portion, and on the sides of said slot open upper end a pair of upwardly-extending, laterally-spaced, second and third mounting surfaces, against which spaced-apart inner upper surfaces of the device can be mounted;
 - iii) A first pair of holes formed in the outer ends of said second and third mounting surfaces;
 - iv) A second hole formed in a lower end of said lower portion;
 - b) A cord having:
 - i) Each of two end portions threaded through said first pair of holes;
 - ii) A middle portion formed as a loop and threaded through said second hole;and
 - iii) On each end of said cord a resilient wedge member; and
 - c) Wherein said device, when equipped with a mounting clip or button, is adapted to be detachably secured to said base member by being mounted on said closed lower end of said slot, and by use of said wedge members is adapted to be suspended from a structure formed so as to receive, squeeze, and detachably hold said wedge members and thereby suspend said base member.
- 10) The apparatus as recited in claim 9, wherein said cord is at least somewhat elastic.

- 11) The apparatus as recited in claim 9 wherein said wedge members is at least somewhat resilient.
- 12) The apparatus as recited in claim 9, wherein said base member comprises plastic.
- 13) The apparatus as recited in claim 9, wherein said wedge member comprises foam.
- 14) The apparatus as recited in claim 9, wherein said base member comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastic, wood and metal.
- 15) The apparatus as recited in claim 9, wherein said wedge member comprises a material selected from the group consisting of foam and rubber.
- 16) A method for holding a portable electronic device, comprising:
 - a) Placing a portable electronic device against a base member, said base member comprising a substantially flat member having a plurality of notches formed therein, a first and second throughhole formed therein, and an integral cord member, said cord member having a first and second end, said first end installed in said first throughhole, said second end installed in said second throughhole, said first end having a wedge attached thereto, said second end having a wedge attached thereto;
 - b) Securing said cord member in a first said notch;
 - c) Looping said cord member across said portable electronic device; and
 - d) Securing said cord in a second said notch.
- 17) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising inserting said first and second wedges into a vent of an automobile.
- 18) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising securing a clip attached to said portable electronic device to said base.
- 19) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising wedging a button member attached to said portable electronic device between a first and second extension of said base.
- 20) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising means for securing said portable electronic device to said base.